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Sir:

In response to the **Non-Final Office Action** mailed May 13, 2004 ("Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the specification and drawings appear on pages 2-3.

A Listing of Claims is set forth on pages 4-5.

Remarks are set forth on pages 6-10.

A Petition for a three (3)-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is filed herewith extending the period for response through November 13, 2004. It is not believed that any further extensions of time are required other than those in the accompanying Petition. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

Applicant believes that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 23-1951** (McGuireWoods).